Kingsdon Parish Council

After the official nomination to South Somerset District Council of four parishioners to form the new Kingsdon Parish Council, starting in May 2011, the following were duly elected: Tony Masters, Angela Saunders, David Morris & Elaine Owen.

As Kingsdon Parish Council had been allocated space for seven members there was an opportunity for three additional local parishioners to join the Council. Former councillors Richard Hollaway and Mel Clode, wished to be renominated (their papers not being submitted in time for the election) along with Antony Colton and Guy Lancaster.

At the Parish council meeting held on May 12th the following were co-opted by the Council following a vote: Mel Clode, Antony Colton and Richard Hollaway.

The two new members on our council are Elaine Owen and Antony Colton.

Elaine lives at Innes House, Lower Road, Kingsdon and is the Corporate Responsibility Manager at Ordnance Survey, Southampton. She has taken on the responsibility for the Village recreation field.

Antony lives at 30 Kingsdon, and is the Group manager for the Apex Dental Group. He has taken on responsibility for Highways.

A Celebration of over 100 years of Kingsdon C of E Primary School

Sunday 3rd July 11am Kingsdon Church and afterwards at the village hall

Are you an ex-pupil, an ex-member of staff, did your family attend Kingsdon Primary school, do you know any of the above?

We would love you, and anyone you may know who has been associated with the school, to join a celebration of all the school has been for the people of Kingsdon as we receive the school banner and mosaic plaque into the church for safekeeping after the sad closure of the school.

If you can make it, please contact Freda Curtis (840898), Norma Black (840727) or Penny Simpson (849193) with an idea of numbers attending.

If you have any memories you would like to share in the service please ring or e-mail them to Revd Bruce Faulkner (01458 270902 bsfaulkner1@aol.com)

WANTED

If anyone has any old and/or interesting photographs, that could be copied, in order to make a display of the history of the school, they would be very much appreciated.

This photograph belongs to Ethel Harris. It was taken by Ethel’s father-in-law, William Thomas Harris in 1960. In the foreground is Ethel’s eldest son, Alan. Also in the picture is Alan’s brother Malcolm. Ethel’s granddaughter Samantha also attended the school in 1991.
Kingsdon Community Centre Update 25 May 2011

Thank you everyone who took the time to return the questionnaire. Kingsdon is certainly the cradle of unrequited creative, but not unexpectedly, there were few suggestions as to how this enterprise might be funded. The school, which was ours, was bought by the County Council in the 1960s. Redundant municipal property can be acquired by the local community at preferential rates if a local need can be demonstrated. If we are to get title vested in us we need to demonstrate why we, above all others in the county, have a call on the premises. This needs to be a demonstrable current requirement and a supporting business case. The worthy ideas put forward are, so far, unfunded aspirations and any request to get the County to “give” the school to us is likely to be rebuffed.

The committee will make known our interest to the County. There are still possibilities for raising grant funding but these are fewer and are more competitively sought. Heritage lottery funding generally requires the recipients to match the grant. If, say, we could obtain the freehold for £400,000 we would still have to raise £200,000 ourselves. We will look at all sources of funding and any suggestions from the village will be gratefully received.

Nigel Stone, Chairman, Kingsdon Community Centre Committee

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Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in Sherborne 19th June 2011

Jenny Bassham appeals for sponsorship for her participation in the ‘Race for Life 2011’

“If anybody would like to sponser me, my online fundraising page is “

http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/jenniferbassham1210

Join Jennifer to help beat cancer at Tesco and Cancer Research UK’s Race for Life 2011. This year, they are hoping to bring together 1 million women to raise an amazing £80 million for their lifesaving work. Race for Life is more than just an incredible day out – it’s helped fund amazing advances in cancer research across the UK for the last 17 years. In 2011 they need more women than ever to take part in Race for Life. Every two minutes someone is diagnosed with cancer in the UK. So walk, jog or run to help save more lives. Enter your local 5k or 10k Race for Life at www.raceforlife.org or call 0871 641 1111.
Marathon Walk for Charity

On 14th May Leah Moger, who works at The Kingsdon Inn keeping the customers happy with her ever welcoming smile, completed the London 2011 marathon ‘Moonwalk’

The MoonWalk is organised by Walk the Walk. This is a unique event, as not only do all the participants power walk a marathon (26.2 miles) or half marathon (13.1 miles), depending on which distance they have chosen, but they all wear decorated bras to raise awareness for breast cancer.

Power walking is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK; it is low impact and accessible for all ages, sizes and levels of fitness. An average walk is approximately 3 miles an hour – by power walking you are aiming to increase your speed to 4-4.5 miles an hour. By using a simple technique you will raise your heart rate and get the blood pumping, thereby improving your fitness! When you start power walking you will find after only a couple of sessions that you feel a difference; researchers have described it as ‘the perfect form of exercise.’

Leah completed the 26.2 mile marathon in 7 hours and in doing so raised over £180 for the fight against breast cancer.

Litter in Kingsdon

There has been several incidents recently of large quantities of litter being thrown over the wall at the bus stop. On one occasion 3 baby’s nappies were deposited there. Not only is this an eye-sore but also a health hazard, especially for the person who has to clean up the mess.

PLEASE, please take your litter home.

Pat Green

It is with deep regret I report the death of Pat Green who died on Monday 23rd May. Pat was a former Kingsdon resident, having lived at Holmea, Henley Road from 1987 with her late husband Tony, until a few years ago when, due to failing health, they moved to Martock to be closer to their son, Simon.

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Pat will be held on Friday 10th June at 12.30pm in All Saints Church, Kingsdon. The family request cheerful clothing for this service. Everyone is invited to Kingsdon Village Hall after the service for refreshments.
Dear Mrs Conway

It's amazing how groups of local people have the commitment and vision to influence the community that they live in. So many groups such as yours make up the fabric of our society and seek not only to meet together to enjoy social activity, but to make a difference to the lives of those around them. St. Margaret's Hospice is very grateful for the generous donation of £506.12 raised from your Good Friday Walk and Easter Egg Trail and would thank Kingsdon Village for their support.

We know how groups of local people can make a huge difference! St. Margaret's has celebrated over 30 Years of Caring and all those years came from a small group of Somerset residents getting together with a BIG idea. Little could they have contemplated how that plan would grow and flourish.

From very humble beginnings the charity now operates in homes, hospitals, and our own in-patient units every day and night of the year. Much of this work is never seen by the general public as our Community team or Hospice at Home service step over the threshold of homes right across the county to support families when they most need it. The nurses and doctors who operate the inpatient units are committed to providing the highest possible standards of care and every day face up to and meet new challenges. None of this would be possible without your support, so be assured that every penny does count for St. Margaret's and helps us to 'make each day count'.

You may already know our Community Fundraiser in your area, Andrea Ledger, who is available to support you with any further fundraising for St. Margaret's. Our Community Fundraisers are also willing to make a presentation to groups about the work of the charity. If you would like to get in contact with Andrea, then please call 01935 709484.

Yours sincerely

Karen Martin.
Fundraising Office

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**THE BARN**

By Martin Singleton (circa 2001)

As I look from my window I see the blue sky
And watch the white clouds drift slowly by,
The old barn roof with its’ irregular tiles
And the farm yard debris scattered in piles.

What will become of the Park Farm site?
Are the residents of Kingsdon in for a fight?
It's a conservation area and we all want to see
The right kind of development for the village!

The barn has stood for many a year
So is it now to disappear?
Once demolished it's lost forever.
Would you consider that is clever?

By looking at other conversions
Of one thing you can be certain
Where there's money to be made
Any old barn can be saved.

Though no more tractors, ploughs or hay,
We would be delighted to see the day
The barn again come to life
With children, husband and a wife.
HAYMAKING
by Peter Crowter

In times long gone hay used to be,
Not bound in bales but loose and free.
T’was full of flowers, a heady mix
But thistles gave you nasty pricks.

Sometimes t’was loaded on a cart
And to the farm they would depart.
And then again it sometimes stayed,
On edge of field where it was made.

There was a thing they called a sweep,
That pushed the hay into a heap,
Across the stubble to the rick
For men to fork it with a pick.

An elevator took it then,
Onto the stack where skilful men,
With practiced eye and lots of care,
Built the rick all neat and square.

Then came the baler, quite a thing,
Packed hay like parcels tied with string,
But loading them was not much fun,
The darn things weighed ’bout half a ton.

We used to use a two-prong pick,
That gave the poor old back some stick.

For years this was the only way,
To handle those darn bales of hay.
Then came along this clever bloke,
He quickly saw this was no joke,
And then he did a sledge create
To drop them off in blocks of eight.

Another gadget then he made,
So that the bales could be conveyed,
From ground to trailer without pain,
He made a tractor take the strain.

This made the farmers happy men,
Well for a while it did and then,
Some fellow had a cunning wheeze,
Now tractors lift the bales with ease,
Another baler we’ll devise,
And make the bales a bigger size.

Now little bales you rarely find,
The only folk who really mind,
The only folk who really mind,
Are ladies with a horse to feed,
For little bales are what they need.

Kingsdon Seniors Club

Douglas welcomed 23 members to the May meeting. The guest speaker was Tim Owen who gave an insight into the history and work of Ordnance Survey, which celebrates 220 years of existence in June. He explained the accuracy which is required in order to produce a map and the diversity of their publications which includes 230,000 maps, road maps and various books. There was a display of different materials including a book, Ordnance Survey: Map Makers to Britain since 1791 he and his wife, Elaine wrote about the history of the Ordnance Survey. Elaine is Corporate Responsibility Manager at Ordnance Survey.

Teas were provided by Margaret Hill and Brenda Hodges.

Kingsdon Ladies Club

Lynne Davies welcomed 22 members to the meeting held on 10th May. It was announced that the next Linus Project meeting would be on Saturday 21st May in the village hall at 10.30am. The Primary school equipment was to be taken over to C.M. School, so will be used by 10 children that moved there from Kingsdon School. Angela Sanders is collecting Bra’s once again for breast cancer, just drop them off at her door anytime.

The Wonderful World of Glass was the subject of the guest speaker Dr Francis Burroughs, Managing Director of the most prestigious Bristol Blue Glass SW company in Bedminster, Bristol. We were shown some beads and bottles which dated back to the 6th century. They were his private collection which he trustingly allowed the meeting to handle. Lynne gave the vote of thanks.

Refreshments were provided by Brenda Hodges & Margaret Hill.

The next meeting will be on June 14th at 7.30pm when the guest speaker will be Kay Wych from Glastonbury whose informative and humorous talk is entitled ‘How I became a Living History Presenter’ Visitors and new members always welcome.
Kingsdon Church of England Primary School - Officially Closed on 31st May 2011

On Thursday 12th May, a removals van loaded up all the resources from Kingsdon Primary School, which was then delivered to Charlton Mackrell Church of England Primary School (which is where 10 out of the remaining 11 Kingsdon Primary children moved to in January).

The staff and governors of Charlton Mackrell School would like to say a big thank you to everyone connected with Kingsdon Primary, for their firm belief that this is where all these resources should go. They will certainly be well used and not go to waste. It’s good to know that all these items are still going to benefit our local children, who have settled in very well at Charlton Mackrell School and are enjoying their summer term now.

SUMMER TERM NUMBER ONE – MAY 2011

Three word Friday…Hoorah for Summer!

Having now had time to reflect properly on last term, I can only say ‘WOW! What a brilliant term!’ This new term promises to be equally wonderful and fun-packed, once we manage to work a full week! We hope you have enjoyed all the extra days, which, like the London buses, all came at once!

Although it does seem like it happened a very long time ago, just last Thursday, we all enjoyed our street party to celebrate the Royal Wedding! It started with us all standing proudly to sing the National Anthem, before tucking in to lunch and the wonderful red, white and blue cakes provided by parents – thank you! It really felt like a community event, as some parents joined us for lunch and helped with the fun and games. Thank you for encouraging your child to make and/or wear a hat!

Inspections: Thank you for the many positive responses we have received from you about the report. It can be viewed on the OFSTED website, and also on our own website soon, for all to see. For Church of England Schools, OFSTED is followed by a visit from the SIAS inspector (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools), who judges Christian School distinctiveness. I am delighted to say that yesterday, Mrs Dowding, the inspector, confirmed what we all know already – that our school is wonderful! Her report will be shared with you as soon as we have it! She really listened and appreciated our community of pupils, parents and governors when making her judgements.

Lucky us…Our school is very lucky indeed as, on Friday, 13 May, we will be taking delivery of a large number of fantastic resources and pieces of furniture which, until now, have belonged to Kingsdon School. For the time being, to allow us some time to decide on the best place to store all these wonderful things, we will be putting them in the school hall. We thank all of our new families for their blessing and firm belief that these resources should follow the children to their new school.

News from the classes…

Red Class pupils will be sure to love their new ‘Castles’ topic this term with a visit to Sherborne Castle on the agenda. Junior One have the Romans to contend with, so also have a castle visit planned – this time to Maiden Castle, Dorchester.

Junior Two: SATs begin on Monday 9th May for Year 6 and will finish on Thursday. When all the tests are over there will be a ‘treat day’ (we supply the treats!!) as a reward for all the concentration and hard work.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term, our Christian value is love and will link with the SEAL theme of relationships. We are continuing the Easter story with the Ascension and Pentecost. I was reading my nephew’s school newsletter the other day and got this idea for an addition to the news… Quote of the Week from a pupil: ‘It’s never crowded along the extra mile’.

By the way, we are always pleased to hear of any suggestions for items in newsletters. The Governing body will be reporting on the parent/pupil survey very soon.

DIARY REMINDER: INSET DAY – Friday 24 June - Information about sports and other events will follow shortly.

This week’s ‘thank you’ goes to… the children who spoke so positively about their school to the inspectors (both OFSTED and SIAS). www.charltonmackrellschool.org.uk 01458 223329
Dear Sir,

Following the much lamented closure of Kingsdon School I have been very relieved to see that the transition to Charlton Mackrell had gone so smoothly. My understanding is that all but one of the pupils were able to move to the new school (and that they share very much same ethos there as was so evident in Kingsdon).

My initial impression was that all parties were focussed on ensuring that this process as painless as possible and that the goal of everyone involved was to make the best of an unpleasant and sad occasion. However, I am aware that there is now a new controversy related to the provision of school transport (something I believed had already been settled long before the start of the Easter term).

The central complaint appears to stem from the fact that some of the former Kingsdon school pupils are being transported to and from Charlton Mackrell by taxi (and that on occasion this taxi has caused traffic on Top Street to pause while it delivers or collects children).

Given that buses and lorries make use of Top Street, this is not exactly an uncommon occurrence and I am at a loss to explain why so many different agencies have been involved in what appears to be a very minor complaint (I understand that currently interested parties include, but are not limited to, The Highways Agency, Parish Council, Charlton Mackrell School and the Local Council).

There is some confusion over the identity of the complainant as I am given to understand that the original complaint was made in someone else's name. However, as a result of what appears on the face of it to be a relative modest inconvenience, I am concerned that the current school transport arrangements are under threat and along with them the cohesion of our pupils (who, in my opinion, have already been through quite enough loss already this year).

The private taxi-service is legally-obliged to provide door-to-door transportation for children. As such, there is no alternative to their use of Top Street. And so, a successful complaint would have significant consequences on some children's ability to attend their new school. I believe that, as a village, need to find a way to minimise the stresses our children have to endure, not to let our annoyances (that might be seen as insignificant in the grand scheme of things) further disrupt their education.

Thank you for your kind attention,
JG

Dear Editor

I have recently heard of an incident in our village concerning a one parent family and a taxi outside their house. It is the law that the taxi service have to ensure that the children are safely collected from and returned to the door. How petty to make a complaint on this occasion.

Rayford Ltd.
Trading as Radio Cabs
30a Middle Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1LY
Telephone: 01935 429066 Fax: 01935 421475
admin@yeovilradiocabs.com

This letter is to confirm our phone conversation, our drivers have a 'Duty of care' passed on to us by Somerset County Council for the care of children we transport in our vehicles, one of these duties is to see that a child is collected in person from a parent/guardian and secured safely in the vehicle and that at the destination the child is handed over to a responsible adult.

There are times when a driver has more than one child in his care so he must use his best judgement as to how he sees a child safely into school/home and also keep an eye on any others left in the vehicle.

It might also be of interest to you that all of our vehicles are licensed Hackney carriages and as such are allowed to stop anywhere to alight and disembark passengers even on double yellow lines, but they may not wait. So stopping the taxi, getting out and handing your daughter over to you is allowed in law and part of his duty of care even if this does block the road for a minute.

Yours Sincerely
Darrell McCarthy (Manager)
All Saints Church, Kingsdon

Fete & Car Boot Sale
Saturday 11th June
1pm - 4pm
To be held on the Village Field (opposite the pub)

‘Wanted’
Donations are needed for the below listed stalls, or can you help - please contact David or any stall organiser.

Babs & Sally will be going round the village with their wheelbarrow collecting for the stalls on the evenings of Friday 3rd and Monday 6th June

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More volunteers very welcome to help set up or on the day

There will also be the following attractions:

- Guess the Pony's Weight
- Skittles
- Coconut Shy
- Can Shy
- Splat the Rat

Songs of Praise
Sunday 12th June at 6.00 pm
Open Air Service in the Village Field (Opposite the Pub)
Do you have a favourite hymn?
Contact David on 01935 840795
and he will see if it can be included.
The official opening of the new cricket ground on the old Manor School Field was performed by Marilyn Elliott. Marilyn has been the club’s umpire and scorer for over 27 years. She was driven to the ground in a Vintage Bentley by its owner Nigel Stone. Thanks Nigel.

Standing either side of Marilyn Club Chairman Ian Birrell & Vice-President Ben Carlisle.
In front - Captain of Pitney Rob Moore and Kingsdon’s Captain James Schofield.

The opening match was against the old foe, Pitney. On a very sticky wicket, runs were hard to come by and Kingsdon, batting first, were bowled out for 81. In reply, Pitney with some careful batting, reached their target with 4 wickets to spare. Kingsdon - 81, Pitney 82 - 6

Sunday 15th May away at Dinder & Croscombe - Kingsdon won by 5 runs
Kingsdon 202 - 3 (J. Schofield 46 n.o., K. Morgan 41, J. Russon 37 Rt. Hurt)
Dinder & Croscombe 197 - 3

Sunday 22nd May home to Ditcheat - Kingsdon won by 60 runs
Kingsdon 128 - 9 (J. Schofield 28, S. Rumbles 24 n.o., P. Waters 23)
Ditcheat 68 (A. Dale 3 - 9, J. Schofield 3 - 10)

Fixtures for June

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There is a Car Park at Club’s home ground at the end of Frog Lane. Kingsdon Cricket Club.

Please park in the Car Park on the field. NOT in Frog Lane.

New Players and Vice-Presidents are always welcome, for more information contact any of the committee members:

President: Wally Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon, Somerton, TA11 7LW Tel 01935 841444
Chairman: Ian Birrell, Watersmeet, Huish Episcopi, Langport TA10 9HE Tel 01458 250246
Captain: James Schofield
Secretary: Kathy Jamison ‘The Swallows’ 43 Kingsdon Tel 01935 841049

Neighbourhood Watch

The following warnings have been received from Avon & Somerset police. Theft of metal is a growing problem in the area, especially in rural locations. If you know anybody who regularly accumulates quantities of metal then encourage them to take the scrap to a reputable dealer on a regular basis. An X registration blue dropside Ford Transit has been touring farms in the area recently.

There has been a report of horse mane plaiting/knotting in the Bruton area. We had similar reports across the area last year. As far as we know, no thefts were reported after manes were plaited/knotted but horse owners are advised to stay vigilant.

We have had reports that charity clothing bags (Salvation Army etc) are being collected by bogus collectors in Ilchester. There is money to be made from these collections, so please call us if you see something suspicious.

Lastly, heating fuel thefts are continuing despite warmer weather. Do you check your fuel when the heating is off?
Compost
Buy local - Save your fuel
Free local delivery
40 litre Organic Multi-Purpose (not suitable for seed) £2.50 each or 3 for only £6
10 litre Multi-Purpose (suitable for seed) £1 each
40 litre Multi Purpose (suitable for seed) £3 each
30 litre Ericaceous £3 each
70 litre ornamental bark £4.50
33 litre Grow Bags £1.25
Why struggle with heavy bags, let Paul take the strain.
Contact Paul Attwell Tel 07906 018082. Orders also taken by Angela at Kingsdon Stores
Visit Paul’s new shop ‘Bargain Basement’ in West Street, Somerton, next to the railway bridge.

T R Carpentry and Joinery
Kitchen fitting - Doors & Windows fitting
Flooring of all types - Decking - Skirtings and Architraves
Shelving - Built in Wardrobes
For all your Carpentry and Joinery needs
Tom Reed
07729 187293 01458 241910

We distribute quality dried herbs & spices nationally via our website at: www.thebestpossibletaste.co.uk.
Call at Innes House to buy at ‘friends and neighbours’ rates.
Herb/spice boxes: Web price 88p. Your price 60p
Spice'n'tice curry kits:
Web price £1.99. Your price £1.60
Web price £2.49. Your price £2.00
Other items 20% off web price.
Phone 01935 841120 (or call by) to get a full list of the herbs and spices available from Tim or Elaine Owen, Innes House, Lower Road, Kingsdon.
(next to the Village Hall)

Babysitting / Child Minding in Kingsdon
Do you need the services of a Babysitter / Child Minder? Contact Kelly Osborne at Delimara, Pitts Lane, Kingsdon, Tel: mobile 07921161088, Home: 01935 840337 or e-mail kellyosborne@hotmail.co.uk
Kelly works in a school. She has plenty of experience and is the holder of an up-to date CRB reference. She is available most evenings, some weekends and school holidays (apart from the summer).
Went into a book shop and asked for a book by Shakespeare, the assistant asked 'which one', I replied 'William'.....

The young boy protested vigorously when his mother asked him to take his little sister along fishing. "The last time she came," he objected, "I didn't catch a single fish." "I'll talk to her," his mother said, "and I promise this time she won't make any noise."

"It wasn't the noise, Mom," the boy replied. "She ate all my bait."

The old man had died. A wonderful funeral was in progress and the town's preacher talked at length of the good traits of the deceased, what an honest man he was, and what a loving husband and kind father he was. Finally, the widow leaned over and whispered to one of her children, "Go up there and take a look in the coffin and see if that's your pa."

Man sitting at home on the verandah with his wife, says: "I love you" She asks, "Is that you or the beer talking?" He replies, "It's me .... .........talking to the beer."

NOAH'S ARK........ IF IT HAPPENED IN 2011.

And the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "In six months I'm going to make it rain until the whole earth is covered with water and all the evil people are destroyed. But I want to save a few good people, and two of every kind of living thing on the planet. I am commanding you to build an Ark." And in a flash of light-ning, He delivered the specifications for an Ark. "Okay," said Noah, trembling with fear and fumbling with the blueprints. "Six months and it starts to rain," thundered the Lord. "You'd better have the Ark completed or learn to swim for a very long time."

Six months passed, the skies clouded up and rain began to fall. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard, weeping. And there was no Ark. "Noah!" shouted the Lord, "where is the Ark?" "Lord, please forgive me!" begged Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems. First I had to get a building permit for the Ark construction project, and your plans didn't meet the code. I had to hire an engineer to redraw the plans. Then I got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system. Then a neighbour objected, claiming I was violating planning regulations by building the Ark in my front yard. I had to get a variance from the Town Planning Committee. Then I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark, because there was a ban on cutting trees to save the tawny owl. I had to convince the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture that I needed the wood to save the owls. But they wouldn't let me catch any owls, so no owls. The carpenters formed a union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Officers before anyone would pick up a hammer or saw. Now we have sixteen carpenters working on the boat, and still no owls. Then I started gathering up animals, and got sued by an animals rights group. They objected to me taking only two of each kind. Just when I got the case dismissed, the Council notified me that I couldn't complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take too kindly to the idea that they had no control over the conduct of a Supreme being. Then the Army Corps of Engi-neers wanted a map of the proposed new flood plain. So I sent them a globe. Right now, I'm still trying to resolve a complaint from the Equal Employment Commission over how many Croatians I'm supposed to hire. The In-land Revenue have seized all my assets, claiming I am trying to avoid paying my taxes by leaving the country. And I have just got a notice from the Government about owing them some kind of "use" tax. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another five years at least," Noah wailed. "Noah!" said the Lord sadly. "I love you already!!'

Three men were discussing at a bar about coincidences. The first man said, "my wife was reading a "Tale of Two Cities" and she gave birth to twins"

"That's funny", the second man remarked, "my wife was reading 'the Three Musketeers' and she gave birth to triplets"

The third man shouted, "Good God, I have to rush home!"

When asked what the problem was, he exclaimed, " When I left the house, my wife was reading Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves"!!

Two women were playing golf. One teed off and watched in horror as her ball headed directly toward a foursome of men playing the next hole. The ball hit one of the men. He immediately clasped his hands together at his groin, fell to the ground and proceeded to roll around in agony. The woman rushed down to the man, and immediately began to apologize. 'Please allow me to help. I'm a Physical Therapist and I know I could relieve your pain if you'd allow me, she told him. 'Oh, no, I'll be all right. I'll be fine in a few minutes,' the man replied. He was in obvious agony, lying in the foetal position, still clasping his hands there at his groin. At her persistence, however, he finally allowed her to help. She gently took his hands away and laid them to the side, loosened his pants and put her hands inside. She administered tender and artful massage for several long moments and asked, 'How does that feel?'

Feels great, he replied; but I still think my thumb's broken
Forthcoming Events

Croquet Day
1 June 2011 12:00pm
Enjoy the noble but ruthless family game of croquet. Expert tuition provided by the Lytes Cary Croquet Club.
Free event (normal admission charges apply)

9th - Blooming Borders
Enjoy an inspirational garden tour of the beautiful gardens at Lytes Cary, focusing on the stunning 35m long border designed by the renowned horticulturalist Graham Stuart Thomas. There will be practical demonstrations covering many aspects of caring for the mixed border including propagation, plant selection, organic methods of dealing with pests and diseases and pruning, plus plenty of hints and tips for your own garden, whatever its size. Suitable for beginners and the more experienced gardener. Workshops at 10:00-12:30 and 2:00-4:30pm. £15.00 per person including refreshments. Booking essential.

25th - Croquet Evening
Enjoy an evening in the beautiful grounds of Lytes Cary Manor and have a go at the noble but ruthless game of croquet. Expert tuition provided by the Lytes Cary Croquet Club. Cash bar available, picnics welcome. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets £5.00 (including National Trust members). Accompanied children free.

For more information contact Emma Munn Tel: 01458 224471
or email: emma.munn@nationaltrust.org.uk

Help Wanted at Lytes Cary
Lytes Cary Manor is always in need of volunteers to help support this special place and get involved with the day to day running of the property. We have many roles on offer including working in the house as a room guide, volunteering in the garden, helping in the shop and selling raffle tickets. Once you have volunteered for 50 hours you will be given a volunteer card that entitles you to free entry to NT properties in addition to a 20% discount in NT shops and catering outlets. There are many other benefits to volunteering including meeting new people, volunteer outings and property socials. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact the Lytes Cary office on 01458 224471 or via email lytescarymanor@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Kingsdon Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for June
Wheelie Bin Refuse Collection Days -
Tuesday 7th June & Tuesday 21st June
Recycling and Food Waste Collection Days -
Wednesday 1st June, then every Tuesday for rest of month.
DC COMPUTER REPAIR
Alan Hayward
Spyware / Virus removal  Broadband installation.
Tuition & Advice
No repair, No charge.  Free local collection
Available  7 days a week
Telephone:  01458 272924  Mobile: 07887572418
Alan comes highly recommended by many Kingsdon
Computer users of all ages.
Kingsdon Jubilee Fund News

The fund for our celebrations of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 now stands at £2,232, having been boosted by the very successful Royal Wedding Weekend. The profits were as follows:-

Quiz/Disco Raffle & Auction - £201, Scarecrows - £13, Bacon Butties - £130, Plant Sale - £140.09, Spice Quiz - £12, Treasure Hunt - £15, Tea Dance - £280

The success of the weekend was down to a lot of hard work by the usual stalwarts and the support of everyone who attended or participated in events. I know a number of people are already planning their scarecrows for next year’s celebrations!

The Kingsdon Jubilee Fund membership

Our application for registration as a charity is with H.M. Revenue & Customs. As soon as we hear back, our application for lottery funding will begin.

The membership to the fund now stands at 50. Membership application forms are on the last page, if you haven't already joined I urge you to do so as this will show to the lottery application adjudicators the support given by residents of Kingsdon for our application.

South Somerset District Council - Planning Applications for Kingsdon

Application No: 11/01115/TCA
Proposal: Notification of intent to fell a Conifer tree within a conservation area
Location: Ridge House, Frog Lane, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7LL
Decision: Application Permitted

Application No: 11/01058/TCA
Proposal: Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to a Corsican Pine tree within a conservation area
Location: 1 Manor Barns, Manor Road, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7LG
Decision: Application Permitted

Application No: 11/00965/COU
Proposal: Change of use of ancillary accommodation to independent residential dwelling.
Location: 7 Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7LN
Decision: Application Refused

Application No: 11/01617/LBC
Proposal: Refurbishment of stable block to provide ancillary accommodation for the residents of Park Farm
Location: Park Farmhouse, Lower Road, Kingsdon, Somerton. TA11 7LL
Decision: Pending Consideration

Application No: 11/01970/FUL
Proposal: Replacement of existing single storey structure to side of dwellinghouse with a two storey extension, replacement of existing windows and doors and creation of new window openings to existing gable wall and rear elevation
Location: 25 North Town, Kingsdon, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7LE
Decision: Pending Consideration

Kingsdon Parish Council will hold a planning meeting at 7pm on Thursday 2nd June at Jacaranda, Lotment Hill, Kingsdon for the last two above applications:
Application No: 11/01617/LBC & Application No: 11/01970/FUL
Kingsdon Parish Councillors and their specific topics

Tony Masters: Chairman - Jacaranda, Lotment Hill, Kingsdon, TA11 7LG  Tel 01935 840801
Email: masters@jacaranda99.fsnet.co.uk

Angela Saunders: Vice-Chairman - School Governor - Chatsworth, Top Street, Kingsdon, TA11 7JU
Tel 01935 840130  Email: angiesaunders@btinternet.com

Mel Clode: Dog fouling and related items, Litter, Graffiti, Fly tipping, Fly posting, Damaged bins & Abandoned vehicles and related items - 3 Underwood Rd, Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ  Tel 01935 840293
Email: melclode273@btinternet.com

Antony Colton: Highways - 30 Underwood Road, Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ Tel 07894954449
Email: antmaria50@gmail.com

Richard Hollaway: Village Hall & facilities - Kingsdown Court, Rocky Hill, Kingsdon, TA11 7LB
Tel 01935 840628  Email: richard.hollaway@tiscali.co.uk

Dave Morris: Footpaths & Trees - Stithians Cottage, North Town, Kingsdon, TA11 7LQ. Tel

Elaine Owen: Recreation Field - Innes House, Lower Road, Kingsdon, TA11 7LL  Tel 01 935 841120
Email: owen.somerset@btinternet.com

John Calvert  District Councillor (Northstone Ward) Peacock Cottage, High St. Queen Camel. BA22 7NQ
Tel 01935 850458  Email: john.calvert@southsomerset.gov.uk

Jimmy Zouche (The Lord Zouche) County Councillor (Somerton Division) The Abbey, Charlton Adam, Somerset, TA11 7BE  Tel 01458 223253  Email: jimmyzouche@hotmail.com

David Heath MP Constituency Office - 14 Catherine Hill, Frome, Somerset, BA11 1BZ  Tel: 01373 473618
Fax: 01373 455152  Claire Hudson: head of office - email: hudsoncl@parliament.uk

Sally Smith Clerk to Kingsdon Parish Council, The Old Coach House, Top Street, Kingsdon.. TA11 7JU  Tel 01935 842094  Mobile 07729 301207  Email sally@tradewindspr.co.uk

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON AGM
Thursday May 12th 2011 in Kingsdon Village hall at 7.00pm

Present:  Mr A Masters (Chairman);  Mr D Morris, Mrs A Saunders and Mrs E Owen (Parish Councillors);  Mrs S Smith (Parish Clerk) plus 15 Parishioners.

Apologies:  Apologies had been received from Mr J Calvert (District Councillor) and Mr J Zouche (County Councillor).

The minutes of the previous AGM (2010) had been circulated and were agreed and signed.

The Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Mr T Masters was nominated for the position of Chairman.  Nominated by Mrs A Saunders, seconded by Mr D Morris.  There were no other nominations.  The motion was carried and Mr T Masters was elected Chairman.

CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL.
Four names as follows (in alphabetical order) had been submitted to fill the three vacant positions on the council: Mr M Clode (ex councillor) Mr A Colton, Mr R Hollaway (ex-councillor) Mr G Lancaster

A vote was taken by the council and the following were co-opted onto Kingsdon Parish Council: Mr. M Clode, Mr A Colton and Mr R Hollaway.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN
Mrs A Saunders was nominated for the position of vice-chairman.  Nominated by Mr D Morris, seconded by Mr M Clode.  There were no other nominations.  The motion was carried and Mrs A Saunders was elected Vice-President.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
The following council members agreed to undertake specific areas of responsibility as follows:

Village Hall:  Mr R Hollaway
Footpaths and Trees: Mr D Morris
Field Maintenance: Mrs E Owen
School Governor: Mrs A Saunders
Highways: Mr A Colton
Parish and Environmental Works: Mr M Clode

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS
The clerk had distributed full accounts of the Parish Council to all Councillors. Signs had been put up on both village noticeboards advising parishioners that the accounts were completed and open for inspection.
The details were:
Account 7055 4340 (day account): Start of year £310 75p End of year: £2,343 24p
Account 3034 0251 (saver account): Start of year £4,365 53p End of year £2,714 29p
Account 5324 7953 (Children’s account): Start of year: £2,000. End of year: £1,122 84p

The Clerk said that income for the year amounted to £3,533 52p and outgoings amounted to £4,029 43p; a shortfall of £495 91p. However, she pointed out that moneys in to cover the current year’s purchase of additional grit bins for the village had actually been banked during the previous financial year. This amounted to £500 which, when taken into account, meant the year’s finances ended up 9p in credit. She said that overall the finances were in a healthy state with the current financial year starting off with over £11,000 total in the bank, taking into account the recent moneys in from the annual Precept. It was confirmed that £1,122 84p was still held in the Children’s Account to be spent for the benefit of the youth of the village. It was agreed that ideas should be looked at on how this money could best be spent.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would continue to meet on the second Thursday of every alternate month and the dates had been sent to Mrs M Elliott. Mrs M Elliott confirmed the Village Hall had been reserved for these dates.

The dates for future meetings are:
Thursday July 14th 2011  Thursday September 8th 2011
Thursday November 10th 2011  Thursday January 12th 2011
Thursday March 8th 2012  Thursday April 12th 2012 (Annual Parish Meeting)
Thursday May 10th 2012 (Parish Council AGM)

It was noted that there will be a requirement for additional planning meetings throughout the year, to be called as and when required and when possible to coincide with the above dates.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.20pm.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Cheque signing: A cheque for £412 was written out to cover the cost of insurance with the Zurich Group for the current year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.
Kingsdon Seniors Club

The Seniors Club meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

For information contact Club Secretary Mari lyn Elliott, 4 Manor Close, Kingsdon. Tel 01935 841444

Kingsdon Ladies Club

The Ladies Club meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome.

For information contact Club President Lynne Davies, Holly House, Frog Lane, Kingsdon. TA11 7LL Tel 01935 840660 or Club Secretary Jackie Ellis, Hill House, Rocky Hill, Kingsdon. Tel 01935 840344